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## CORN AND SOYBEAN PRICES UP FROM MARCH

Prices received by Minnesota farmers for soybeans for April averaged \$11.70 per bushel, an increase of 40 cents from the March price. Corn was up 54 cents, to an April price of \$5.10 per bushel.

The all hog price for April was \$42.10 per cwt., an increase of 70 cents from the March price. The all beef cattle price for April was \$77.60 per cwt., a decrease of \$2.20 from the March price.

The all milk price for April, at \$18.70 per cwt., was down 30 cents from March.

The preliminary U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 144 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from March. The Crop Index is unchanged and the Livestock Index decreased 4 points (3.1 percent).

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S. Apr 2008 1/	-----Minnesota-----		
		Apr 2007 2/	Mar 2008 2/	Apr 2008 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu.....	4.53	2.85	3.81	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt.....	34.10	25.80	39.70	40.00
Corn, bu .....	5.13	3.15	4.56	5.10
Hay, All Baled, ton .....	152.00	93.00	128.00	127.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton .....	157.00	94.00	130.00	130.00
Other, Baled, ton .....	140.00	80.00	100.00	98.00
Oats, bu .....	3.59	2.56	3.18	3.30
Potatoes, cwt .....	8.75	5.95	6.05	6.20
Soybeans, bu .....	11.80	6.76	11.30	11.70
Sunflowers, All, cwt.....	25.70	17.30	23.80	22.30
Wheat, All, bu.....	10.10	4.89	9.55	9.49
Calves, cwt.....	115.00	125.00	117.00	111.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 4/.....	85.10	85.30	79.80	77.60
Cows, cwt, 5/ .....	49.90	51.30	54.00	53.00
Steers & Heifers, cwt.....	90.10	95.20	88.60	86.00
Milk Cows, head 6/.....	1,940.00	1,700.00	--	2,000.00
Hogs, All, cwt .....	40.60	48.80	41.40	42.10
Barrows & Gilts, cwt .....	41.70	48.90	41.50	42.30
Sows, cwt .....	17.10	29.60	23.00	15.80
Lambs, cwt 7/ .....	--	96.00	95.70	--
Sheep, cwt 7/ .....	--	30.00	25.20	--
Milk, All, cwt .....	18.00	17.40	19.00	18.70
Eggs, Table Market, doz .....	0.88	0.59	1.33	0.94

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data. 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual farms. 4/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 7/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

## U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

Item	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	Mar 2008	Apr 2008
Prices Received .....	131	133	146	144
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates) .....	159	160	178	181
Parity Ratio 1/ .....	82	83	82	80

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

## U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1990-92 = 100)

Commodities	Apr 2007 1/	Mar 2008 1/	Apr 2008 2/
All Farm Products .....	133	146	144
Crops .....	142	167	167
Meat Animals .....	122	112	110
Dairy Products .....	127	139	138
Poultry & Eggs .....	137	159	146

1/ Entire month data. 2/ Preliminary.

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**SOYBEANS: Acreage, Yield, and Production,  
by County and District, Minnesota, 2006-07**

County and District 1/	Planted Acreage		Harvested Acreage		Yield Per Harvested Acre		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	-----Acres-----		-----Acres-----		-----Bushels-----		-----Bushels-----	
Becker	88,200	73,100	87,000	71,900	36.0	34.0	3,132,000	2,444,600
Clay	174,600	142,500	172,400	140,700	35.0	34.0	6,034,000	4,783,800
Clearwater	9,300	7,400	8,200	7,000	25.0	33.0	205,000	231,000
Kittson	106,000	82,200	103,400	81,000	35.0	37.0	3,619,000	2,997,000
Mahnomen	55,000	46,100	54,000	45,500	36.0	34.0	1,944,000	1,547,000
Marshall	212,700	155,500	210,400	153,400	26.0	35.0	5,470,400	5,369,000
Norman	180,000	150,000	176,900	148,100	34.0	35.0	6,014,600	5,183,500
Pennington	89,900	77,400	88,900	76,500	25.0	30.0	2,222,500	2,295,000
Polk	261,300	209,000	258,500	206,000	29.0	37.0	7,496,500	7,622,000
Red Lake	65,400	58,600	64,400	58,000	28.0	32.0	1,803,200	1,856,000
Roseau	76,600	75,200	74,900	73,900	27.0	30.0	2,022,300	2,217,000
<b>Northwest</b>	1,319,000	1,077,000	1,299,000	1,062,000	30.8	34.4	39,963,500	36,545,900
Beltrami	6,000	--	5,800	--	19.0	--	110,200	--
Combined Counties	12,500	--	11,800	--	31.8	--	375,800	--
<b>North Central</b>	18,500	--	17,600	--	27.6	--	486,000	--
Big Stone	110,400	96,900	109,000	95,600	40.0	38.0	4,360,000	3,632,800
Chippewa	111,600	87,600	110,300	86,400	46.0	42.0	5,073,800	3,628,800
Douglas	73,200	58,400	71,900	57,500	32.0	30.0	2,300,800	1,725,000
Grant	110,700	84,900	109,400	83,800	37.0	37.0	4,047,800	3,100,600
Lac Qui Parle	165,000	145,000	163,000	143,000	47.0	38.0	7,661,000	5,434,000
Otter Tail	133,000	111,500	130,200	109,100	33.0	28.0	4,296,600	3,054,800
Pope	83,200	70,700	81,800	69,800	33.0	32.0	2,699,400	2,233,600
Stevens	126,600	103,000	124,900	101,500	39.0	39.0	4,871,100	3,958,500
Swift	137,700	116,000	136,000	114,500	42.0	38.0	5,712,000	4,351,000
Traverse	146,400	125,000	144,600	123,200	41.0	36.0	5,928,600	4,435,200
Wilkin	148,000	133,000	146,200	131,300	37.0	30.0	5,409,400	3,939,000
Yellow Medicine	171,700	148,000	169,700	146,300	45.0	43.0	7,636,500	6,290,900
<b>West Central</b>	1,517,500	1,280,000	1,497,000	1,262,000	40.1	36.3	59,997,000	45,784,200
Benton	31,800	27,200	31,400	24,500	35.0	18.0	1,099,000	441,000
Carver	42,900	36,300	42,100	36,000	50.0	47.0	2,105,000	1,692,000
Kandiyohi	113,500	97,800	112,100	95,600	44.0	40.0	4,932,400	3,824,000
McLeod	82,800	69,900	81,800	69,000	51.0	43.0	4,171,800	2,967,000
Meeker	103,400	90,800	102,100	89,800	43.0	35.0	4,390,300	3,143,000
Morrison	23,700	21,200	23,200	17,900	32.0	17.0	742,400	304,300
Renville	202,200	171,000	199,600	164,200	52.0	44.0	10,379,200	7,224,800
Scott	33,700	29,600	33,300	29,100	51.0	36.0	1,698,300	1,047,600
Sherburne	18,600	13,600	18,300	12,400	37.0	34.0	677,100	421,600
Sibley	112,300	93,400	111,000	92,400	55.0	48.0	6,105,000	4,435,200
Stearns	97,900	75,900	95,400	75,000	36.0	30.0	3,434,400	2,250,000
Todd	38,100	32,200	37,600	31,400	31.0	25.0	1,165,600	785,000
Wadena	6,500	6,600	6,400	6,300	23.0	28.0	147,200	176,400
Wright	76,600	66,500	75,700	65,400	42.0	35.0	3,179,400	2,289,000
<b>Central</b>	984,000	832,000	970,000	809,000	45.6	38.3	44,227,100	31,000,900

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	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	-----Acres-----		-----Acres-----		----Bushels----		-----Bushels-----	
Anoka	3,300	2,100	3,200	1,800	30.0	21.0	96,000	37,800
Chisago	26,000	21,300	25,700	21,000	38.0	26.0	976,600	546,000
Crow Wing	1,100	--	1,100	--	31.0	--	34,100	--
Hennepin	15,200	14,900	15,000	14,800	45.0	34.0	675,000	503,200
Isanti	31,900	25,700	31,400	25,200	30.0	21.0	942,000	529,200
Kanabec	9,700	9,300	9,600	9,100	30.0	19.0	288,000	172,900
Mille Lacs	15,700	14,000	15,400	13,200	41.0	20.0	631,400	264,000
Pine	10,900	11,000	10,600	10,200	45.0	28.0	477,000	285,600
Washington	12,700	11,000	12,500	11,000	47.0	30.0	587,500	330,000
Combined Counties	5,000	5,700	4,900	4,200	21.6	26.9	105,600	112,900
<b>East Central</b>	131,500	115,000	129,400	110,500	37.2	25.2	4,813,200	2,781,600
Cottonwood	156,700	140,000	154,800	138,300	48.0	47.0	7,430,400	6,500,100
Jackson	167,400	147,500	165,400	145,700	48.0	47.0	7,939,200	6,847,900
Lincoln	94,300	75,300	93,200	73,200	45.0	44.0	4,194,000	3,220,800
Lyon	159,900	141,000	157,900	139,500	49.0	45.0	7,737,100	6,277,500
Murray	165,000	152,500	163,000	150,600	48.0	44.0	7,824,000	6,626,400
Nobles	179,900	159,000	177,700	157,500	51.0	47.0	9,062,700	7,402,500
Pipestone	89,300	82,200	88,200	81,400	48.0	43.0	4,233,600	3,500,200
Redwood	214,000	194,500	211,200	191,900	51.0	45.0	10,771,200	8,635,500
Rock	114,000	102,000	112,600	100,900	53.0	49.0	5,967,800	4,944,100
<b>Southwest</b>	1,340,500	1,194,000	1,324,000	1,179,000	49.2	45.8	65,160,000	53,955,000
Blue Earth	163,900	143,000	161,900	140,700	55.0	48.0	8,904,500	6,753,600
Brown	125,100	111,000	123,600	109,500	51.0	46.0	6,303,600	5,037,000
Faribault	170,200	150,000	168,200	147,900	53.0	51.0	8,914,600	7,542,900
Freeborn	153,100	132,000	151,300	130,200	51.0	50.0	7,716,300	6,510,000
Le Sueur	83,900	74,500	82,900	73,200	51.0	46.0	4,227,900	3,367,200
Martin	182,200	157,500	180,000	155,300	51.0	47.0	9,180,000	7,299,100
Nicollet	89,900	74,000	88,800	73,000	54.0	46.0	4,795,200	3,358,000
Rice	67,100	54,300	66,300	53,600	51.0	44.0	3,381,300	2,358,400
Steele	87,300	72,800	86,300	72,000	51.0	50.0	4,401,300	3,600,000
Waseca	98,300	82,900	97,100	81,900	55.0	50.0	5,340,500	4,095,000
Watonwan	110,000	95,000	107,600	93,700	51.0	46.0	5,487,600	4,310,200
<b>South Central</b>	1,331,000	1,147,000	1,314,000	1,131,000	52.2	47.9	68,652,800	54,231,400
Dakota	62,600	51,800	61,800	51,200	48.0	37.0	2,966,400	1,894,400
Dodge	93,900	81,200	92,800	80,100	52.0	50.0	4,825,600	4,005,000
Fillmore	99,300	76,700	98,000	75,800	51.0	48.0	4,998,000	3,638,400
Goodhue	96,200	79,600	95,000	78,400	50.0	47.0	4,750,000	3,684,800
Houston	30,500	25,600	30,100	25,000	51.0	44.0	1,535,100	1,100,000
Mower	168,800	145,000	166,700	143,700	52.0	49.0	8,668,400	7,041,300
Olmsted	83,500	63,500	82,300	62,600	51.0	48.0	4,197,300	3,004,800
Wabasha	42,800	32,700	42,300	32,300	52.0	49.0	2,199,600	1,582,700
Winona	30,400	25,400	30,000	24,900	52.0	50.0	1,560,000	1,245,000
<b>Southeast</b>	708,000	581,500	699,000	574,000	51.1	47.4	35,700,400	27,196,400
<b>Combined Districts</b>	--	23,500	--	22,500	--	29.1	--	654,600
<b>Minnesota</b>	7,350,000	6,250,000	7,250,000	6,150,000	44.0	41.0	319,000,000	252,150,000

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## BROILERS UP 5 PERCENT FROM 2002 IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota's 2007 broiler production, at 242.3 million pounds, was nearly 5 percent higher than it was in 2002. Minnesota ranks 18th in U.S. broiler production, with nearly one-half of 1 percent of the U.S. total. Broiler production in all states totaled 8.9 billion head, an increase from 2006. The leading states were Georgia, with 16 percent of the U.S. total, followed by Arkansas, with 13 percent.

The following table compares broiler production in Minnesota and the U.S. over the past 10 years.

Minnesota Broilers, 1997 to 2007			
Years ----->	1997	2002	2007
Number Produced (000)	46,300	44,200	46,600
Pounds Produced (000)	240,800	229,800	242,300
Dollars Per Pound	.375	.300	0.430
2007 Pounds Produced as a % of 1997			101%
2007 Pounds Produced as a % of 2002			105%

U.S. Broilers, 1997 to 2007			
Years ----->	1997	2002	2007
Number Produced (000)	7,764,200	8,591,080	8,898,200
Pounds Produced (000)	37,540,750	44,058,700	49,208,400
Dollars Per Pound	.377	.305	.436
2007 Pounds Produced as a % of 1997			128%
2007 Pounds Produced as a % of 2002			112%

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## MARCH EGG PRODUCTION DOWN FROM A YEAR AGO

Minnesota layers produced 231 million eggs during March 2008, compared to 246 million in March 2007, a 6.1 percent decrease. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.7 billion eggs in March, a 1.7 percent decrease from a year ago.

### POULTRY STATS – MARCH

		2007	2008
Total Eggs Produced	MN	246 Mil.	231 Mil.
	U.S.	7,806 Mil.	7,675 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	10.8 Mil.	10.1 Mil.
	U.S.	348.2 Mil.	342.0 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,287	2,285
	U.S.	2,242	2,244
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (March)			
Egg-Type	MN	0.8 Mil.	0.9 Mil.
	U.S.	38.6 Mil.	39.5 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	809.3 Mil.	832.9 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (April 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	8.6 Mil.	9.2 Mil.
	U.S.	38.2 Mil.	37.6 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	29.3 Mil.	29.3 Mil.
	U.S.	668.3 Mil.	673.7 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Placed (March)			
	WNC*	10.2 Mil.	10.2 Mil.
	U.S.	26.8 Mil.	26.8 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (April 1)			
	WNC*	11.9 Mil.	11.4 Mil.
	U.S.	31.7 Mil.	31.9 Mil.

\*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)

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